

MEMORANDUM FOR: Doug

This is a bombshell. MacEachin is

I have alerted Norm Clyne on Nitze's  
behalf. Also contacted EURA analyst

Aside from the immediate impact in  
the FRG of this poll, I judge this  
poll will prompt the media in other  
NATO countries, esp. the basing countries,  
to carry out similar polls -- probably  
with similar results.

Of course, it plays right into the hands  
of the Soviets.

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8. SUMMARY: THE RESULTS OF A RECENT POLL AMONG THE GERMAN  
POPULACE SHOW AN OVERWHELMING POPULAR SUPPORT OF COMPROMISE  
IN THE INF NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. ACCORDING TO THE "DER  
SPIEGEL" ARTICLE: "ANDROPOV'S DISARMAMENT OFFER HAS CONFUSED

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THE BONN COALITION PARTIES' ELECTION CAMPAIGN CONCEPT... CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL LEADERS FEEL THAT THEIR VOTERS WOULD OBJECT TO A BLUNT 'NO' TO ANDROPOV'S PROPOSALS... AS INDICATED BY RESULTS OF PUBLIC OPINION POLLS CONDUCTED BY THE MUNICH 'SINUS' INSTITUTE, 54 PERCENT OF CDU/CSU VOTERS AND 70 PERCENT OF FDP SYMPATHIZERS ARE IN FAVOR OF POSTPONING DEPLOYMENT OF NEW INTERMEDIATE-RANGE MISSILES IN THE FRG IF THE U.S. AND THE USSR FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT AT THE GENEVA DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS BY THE FALL OF 1983... 56 PERCENT OF THE 1600 PERSONS QUESTIONED DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE SUCH AGREEMENT, AND 55 PERCENT DOUBT THAT THE U.S. AND THE USSR ARE NEGOTIATING SERIOUSLY... 58 PERCENT TAKE THE VIEW THAT BONN SHOULD REJECT DEPLOYMENT OF PERSHING-2 AND CROISE MISSILES IN THE FRG IF THE AMERICANS FAIL TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY... 49 PERCENT -- AS COMPARED TO 45 PERCENT LAST YEAR -- ARE AFRAID OF U.S. MISSILES BECAUSE THEY WOULD INCREASE THE RISK OF NUCLEAR WAR ON GERMAN TERRITORY. ONLY 24 PERCENT -- AS COMPARED TO 30 LAST YEAR -- BELIEVE DEPLOYMENT OF NEW U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE WOULD MAKE PEACE MORE SECURE...

9A. DETAILS: NONE

9B. ORIG CMTS: THE CDU/CSU WILL BE STRONGLY TEMPTED TO PUBLICLY CALL FOR COMPROMISE IN GENEVA TO PREVENT BEING LABELED THE MISSILE PARTY IN THE ELECTIONS NOW SCHEDULED FOR 6 MARCH 1983. THE FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU, A LEFT OF CENTER DAILY PAPER, SAID OF THE SURVEY: "THE SURVEY REFLECTS THE PEOPLE'S ACTUAL ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PLANNED DEPLOYMENT IN THE FRG OF SOPHISTICATED U.S. NUCLEAR MISSILES... THE CHANCELLOR AND THE GOVERNMENT PARTIES WILL HAVE TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY TRIED TO WITHHOLD THE 'SINUS' POLL RESULTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND WHY THEY ARE SO DISINCLINED TO TALK ABOUT THE FEARS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE. IS THAT INCOMPATIBLE WITH THEIR CONCEPT?"

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